



CHARLS, By the Grace of GOD, King of SCOTLAND, ENGLAND, FRANCE,
and IRELAND, DEFENDER OF THE FAYTH, To Our Lovits,

Heraulds, Messengers, Our Shyreffs, in that part, conjunctlie and severallie, speciallie constitute Greeting. FOR-SA-MEIKLE as We are not ignorant of the Great Disorders, which have happened of late within this Our ancient Kingdome of SCOTLAND, occasioned, as is pretended, vpon the introduction of the Service Booke, Booke of Canons, and High Commission, thereby fearing innovation of Religion and Lawes. For satisfaction of which feares, We well hoped, that the two proclamations of the eleventh of December, and nineteenth of Februarie, had beene abundantlie sufficient: Neverthelesse, finding that disorders have daylie so increased, that a powerfull rather than perswasive way, might have beene justlie expected from Us: Yet Wee out of Our innatue indulgence to Our People, grieving to see them run themselves so headlong into ruine, are graciousslie pleased to trye, if by a fayre way Wee can reclayme them from their faults, rather than to let them perish in the same. And therefore, once for all, Wee have thought fit to declare, and hereby to assure all our good people, that We neyther were, are, nor by the Grace of GOD ever shall bee stained with Popish superstition: But by the contrarie, are resolved to maintaine the true Protestant Christian Religion already profest within this Our ancient Kingdome. And for farther clearing of scruples, Wee doe heereby assure all men, that Wee will neither now nor heereafter presse the practice of the foresayde Canons and Service Booke, nor anie thing of that nature, but in such a faire and legall way, as shall satisfie all Our loving subjects, that wee neyther intende innovation in Religion or Lawes. And to this effect have given order, to discharge all Acts of Counsell made thereanent. And for the high Commission, We shall so rectifie it with the helpe of advice of our privie Counsell, that it shall never impugne the Lawes, nor bee a just grievance to Our loyall Subjects. And what is farder fitting to be agitate in generall Assemblies and Parliament, for the good and peace of the Kirke, and peaceable government of the same, in establishing of the Religion presently profest, shall likewise be taken into Our Royal consideration, in a free assemblie & Parliament, which shall be indicted & called with Our best conveniencie. And We hereby take GOD to witnesse, that Our true meaning and intention is, not to admit of anie innovations eyther in Religion or Lawes, but carefullie to mayntayne the puritie of Religion already profest and established, and nowayes to suffer Our Lawes to be infringed. And although We cannot bee ignorant, that there may be some disaffected persons, who will stryue to possesse the hearts of Our good Subjects, that this Our Gracious Declaration is not to be regarded: Yet Wee doe expect, that the behaviour of all our good and loyall Subjects will be such, as may giue testimonie of their obedience, and how sensible they are of Our Grace and Favour, that thus passeth over their misdemeanors; and, by their future carriage, make appeare, That it was onlie feare of INNOVATION, that hath caused the disorders which have happened of late within this Our ancient Kingdome: And are confident, That they will not suffer themselves to bee seduced, and misled, to misconstrue Us, or Our Actions; but rest heartilie satisfied with Our pious and reall Intentions, for mayntenance of the TRVE RELIGION, and LAWES of this KINGDOME. WHEREFORE, Wee requyre, and heartilie wish all Our good People, carefullie to advert to these dangerous Suggestions; and not to permit themselves, blindlie, vnder pretext of Religion, to be led in disobedience, and draw on, infinitelie to Our griefe, their owne ruine; which Wee have, and still shall stryue, to saue them from, so long as We see not Royall Authoritie shaken off: And most vnwillinglie shall make vse of that Power which GOD hath endewed Us with, for reclayming of disobedient People.

OUR WILL is herefore, and We charge you straytlie, and command, That incontinent these Our Letters seene, you passe to the Market-crosse of Our Burgh of EDINBURGH, and all other places needfull, And there, by open Proclamation, make publication hereof, to all and sundrie Our good Subjects, where-through none pretend ignorance of the same. The which to doe, Wee commit to you conjunctlie and severallie, Our full Power, by these Our Letters, delivering the same, by you duelic executed and indorced, agayne to the bearer. Given at Our Court of GREENWICH, the twentieth eyght day of June, and of Our Reygne the thirteenth yeare. 1638.

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